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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsutomu KIYONO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2837

Application No.: 10/632,809

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For: INPUT DEVICE, GAME MACHINE, SIMULATED PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT,  
AND PROGRAM

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the March 26, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 21-26 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23.

Claims 22 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Kitakaze et al. (JP 2002-351459); claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitakaze in view of Boon (U.S. Publication No. 20040014513); and claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kitakaze. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Kitakaze does not constitute prior art. This application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-233261, filed August 9, 2002. A verified English translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-233261 is enclosed. Thus, the rejections in view of Kitakaze should be withdrawn.